

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (cancelled).
2. (Previously Presented) The particle of claim 8, wherein the second coating layer substantially covers the first coating layer.
3. (Previously Presented) The particle of claim 8, wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, acetaminophen, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, diphenhydramine, dimenhydrinate, meclizine, famotidine, loperamide, ranitidine, cimetidine, astemizole, loratadine, desloratadine, fexofenadine, cetirizine, antacids, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, metabolites thereof, and mixtures thereof.
4. (Previously Presented) The particle of claim 8, wherein the taste masking agent is comprised of a mixture of a) an enteric polymer; and b) an insoluble film forming polymer.
5. (Original) The particle of claim 4, wherein the enteric polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, cellulose acetate phthalate, and mixtures thereof.
6. (Original) The particle of claim 4, wherein the insoluble film forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate, ethylcellulose, and mixtures thereof.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously Presented) A texture masked particle comprising
a) a core containing an active ingredient;

- b) a first coating layer comprised of a taste masking agent that substantially covers the core; and
- c) a second coating layer on the surface of the first coating layer, the second coating layer comprised of
 - i) a film forming polymer; and
 - ii) an anti-grit agent selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, and mixtures thereof,wherein the weight ratio of film forming polymer to anti-grit agent in the second coating layer is in the range of about 20:80 to about 80:20.

9. (Previously Presented) The particle of claim 8 wherein the film forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, and sodium carboxy methyl cellulose, starches, alginates, polyvinyl alcohols, xanthan gums, guar gums, polysaccharides, pectins, gelatins, and mixtures thereof.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The particle of claim 8 wherein the second coating layer is comprised of a mixture of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose and polyethylene glycol.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Previously Presented) The particle of claim 8 wherein the weight ratio of film forming polymer to anti-grit agent in the second coating layer is in the range of about 50:50.

14. (Currently Amended) A ~~tablet~~ An oral dosage form comprised of the particles of claim 8 and at least one excipient.

15. (cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~chewable tablet~~ oral dosage form of claim 18, wherein the first coating layer is substantially free of plasticizer.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The chewable tablet~~ oral dosage form of claim 18, wherein the active ingredient is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, acetaminophen, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, diphenhydramine, dimenhydrinate, meclizine, famotidine, loperamide, ranitidine, cimetidine, astemizole, loratadine, desloratadine, fexofenadine, cetirizine, antacids, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, metabolites thereof, and mixtures thereof.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A chewable tablet~~ The oral dosage form of claim 14, wherein the oral dosage form is selected from a lozenge, a chewable tablet, and a rapidly dissolving tablet ~~comprised of texture masked particles, said texture masked particles comprising~~

- ~~a) a core containing an active ingredient;~~
- ~~b) a first coating layer comprised of a taste masking agent that substantially covers the core; and~~
- ~~c) a second coating layer on the surface of the first coating layer, the second coating layer comprised of
 - ~~i) a film forming polymer; and~~
 - ~~ii) an anti-grit agent selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, and mixtures thereof,~~~~

~~wherein the weight ratio of film forming polymer to anti-grit agent in the second coating layer is in the range of about 20:80 to about 80:20.~~

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The chewable tablet~~ oral dosage form of claim 18 wherein the film forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, and sodium carboxy methyl cellulose, starches, alginates, polyvinyl alcohols, xanthan gums, guar gums, polysaccharides, pectins, gelatins, and mixtures thereof.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~chewable tablet~~ oral dosage form of claim 18 wherein the second coating layer is comprised of a mixture of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose and polyethylene glycol.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~chewable tablet~~ oral dosage form of claim 18 wherein the weight ratio of film forming polymer to anti-grit agent in the second coating layer is in the range of about 50:50 to about 50:50.

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~rapidly disintegrating tablet~~ oral dosage form of claim [26] 18, wherein the first coating layer [or the second coating layer] is substantially free of plasticizer.

25 – 30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) A method of texture masking particles comprising an active ingredient, which comprises:

- a) applying a substantially continuous first coating layer over the particles, the first coating layer comprising a taste masking agent; and
- b) applying a second coating layer on the surface of the first coating layer, the second coating layer comprising a mixture of 1) a film forming polymer; and 2) an anti-grit agent selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, and mixtures thereof, wherein the wherein the weight ratio of film forming polymer to anti-grit agent in the second coating layer is in the range of about 20:80 to about 80:20.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the active ingredient is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, acetaminophen, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, chlorpheniramine, dextromethorphan, diphenhydramine, dimenhydrinate, meclizine, famotidine, loperamide, ranitidine, cimetidine, astemizole, loratadine, desloratadine, fexofenadine, cetirizine, antacids, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, metabolites thereof, and mixtures thereof.

33. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein the film forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, and sodium carboxy methyl cellulose, starches, alginates, polyvinyl alcohols, xanthan gums, guar gums, polysaccharides, pectins, gelatins, and mixtures thereof.

34. (Cancelled).

35. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein the second coating layer is comprised of a mixture of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose and polyethylene glycol.

36. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein the weight ratio of film forming polymer to anti-grit agent in the second coating layer is in the range of about 10:90 to about 90:10.

37- 72. (Cancelled)

73. (Previously Presented) A texture masked particle comprising

- a) a core containing an active ingredient;
- b) a first coating layer comprised of a taste masking agent that substantially covers the core; and
- c) a second coating layer on the surface of the first coating layer, the second coating layer comprised of
 - i) a film forming polymer; and
 - ii) an anti-grit agent selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, and mixtures thereof,

wherein said particle has an average diameter of about 50 microns to about 500 microns and the weight ratio of film forming polymer to anti-grit agent in the second coating layer is in the range of about 20:80 to about 80:20.

74. (New) The oral dosage form of claim 18, wherein the oral dosage form is a chewable tablet or a rapidly disintegrating tablet, and the excipient is comprised of a water soluble compressible carbohydrate.

75. (New) An oral dosage form comprised of:

A) texture masked particles comprising

1) a core containing an active ingredient;

2) a first coating layer comprising

i) a cellulose acetate taste masking agent; and

ii) a non enteric, water soluble polymer,

said first coating layer substantially covering the core; and

3) a second coating layer on the surface of the first coating layer, the second coating layer comprising

i) a film forming polymer; and

ii) an anti-grit agent selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, and mixtures thereof,

wherein the weight ratio of film forming polymer to anti-grit agent in the second coating layer is in the range of about 20:80 to about 80:20; and

B) at least one excipient.

76. (New) The oral dosage form of claim 75, wherein the non-enteric, water soluble polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl cellulose, poly(ethylacrylate, methyl methacrylate), and mixtures thereof.